



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dobson, Amanda Fleet, Evelyn Stevenson, Rosario Campos, Nina Carr, Karen Czapanskiy, Lakshmi Darbha, Christine Ferguson, Annie Jones, Chloe Scott

Commissioners Absent: Constance Baptist

Guests: Connie Harris, Ashley McCormack, Maura Page, Judy Smith, Mary Kate Soliva, Jaanai Priest, Mimi Teahan, Theresa Smith, Jenny Chabrian, Kris Fair, Becky Kile, Cassandra Bailey, Lois Jarman, Tawanda Bailey

President Dobson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was present.

President Dobson made a few announcements:

- Shellome Walters has resigned from the commission after five years of service.
- Commissioner Annie Jones has resigned from the Executive Committee and President Dobson appointed Commissioner Rosario Campos to the Executive Committee.
- Dr. Monica Grant has been hired as the Director of Citizen Services (position previously held by Pat Rosensteel).
- President Dobson asked for recommendations for speakers for future public meetings as well as suggestions for interns for our internship program.

I. Executive Committee Report

- a. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.
- b. A motion to approve the June Minutes was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.
- c. Guest Speaker: Kristopher Fair, Board Chair, The Frederick Center

II. Financial Report

- a. 4th Quarter Financial Report
 - The 4th Quarter Financial Report contains an error. It will be fixed and redistributed to Commissioners.
 - The booth fees for the Asian American Health Fair and the Latino Festival have been sent.
 - A question was asked how the Leadership Alliance Dinner profits would be tracked; answer that the profits would be tracked via the normal accounting procedures.

III. Old Business

a. Human Trafficking Committee update

- An update on the Public Workshop on Tuesday August 23rd, 2016. There will be a variety of presenters. The workshop will be held in order to educate the county council about the issue of human trafficking in Frederick County.
- People were asked to hold signs on the day of the workshop that say "It's Happening" in order to spark meaningful conversation about the issue.

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IV. New Business

a. Follow Up from Annual Meeting Sign up

- Maryland Commission for Women – Listening Tour
 - i. The listening tour in Frederick will be held on April 3rd 2017.
 - ii. President Dobson will also be speaking at a forum for the Women's Commissions in Maryland.
 - iii. There will be a planning meeting soon, possibly on August 17th, an e-mail will be sent out to commissioners and volunteers.
 - iv. This year's program will focus on a project for the students.
 - v. One of the things that will be discussed in the planning meeting will be obtaining funds or sponsorships.
- Legislative Committee
 - i. Fall Legislative Event- It was discussed that we need to review issues of concern for state legislators to address.
 - ii. The CFW has been asked by County Executive Gardner for suggestions for 2017 Frederick County Legislative packet. These suggestions are due by September 14, 2016 – 2017.
 - iii. There was a suggestion that we have an educational event for the election. Questions to be discussed later were asked: What would it be? Who would be invited?
- Day of the Girl
 - i. The day of the girl is October 11th, there will be more information about the celebration of the day in the county at the next meeting.
- Marketing Committee
 - i. Marketing Committee will discuss budget changes at their August 24th to meeting.
- Leadership Alliance Dinner
 - i. A summary of this event was discussed. (Recognizing members of the community for their service and leadership). The dinner will be held on March 23rd 2017.
- Liaisons with other organizations
 - i. President Dobson requested that those interested in being a liaison with another organization that we work with should e-mail her about their interest.

b. Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present

- Hood College – Community Service Fair, September 1, 2016, 11:30 – 2:00 Volunteer Terry Smith and Commissioner Amanda Fleet will be facilitating the booth.
- Naturalization Ceremony sponsored by Human Relations Commission, September 17, 2016, 11:00-12:30, Winchester Hall, Voter Registration. Five volunteers were requested.
- Latino Festival, October 9, 2016, (place and time TBD) Five volunteers were requested.
- The Asian American Center's Health Fair is coming up and more would be discussed at the September meeting.

c. Commissioner announcement

d. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

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